

<p style="text-align: center;">MOLOKAI, HAWAII County of Maui HO`IKAIKA YOUTH OPPORTUNITY GRANT 2001-2002 Grant Amount: \$2.1 million</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">HO`IKAIKA c/o County of Maui 200 S. High Street, Wailuku, HI 96793 Tel: (808) 270-7992; Fax: (808) 270-7995 Project Director: BJ Dudoit: ho`ikaika@aloha.net County Grants Officer: lynn.britton@co.maui.hi.us</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Mission and Vision</p> <p style="text-align: center;">AHo`ikaika `Opio O Molokai (To Strengthen the Youth of Moloka`i)</p> <p>We will open new doors to the future leaders of Molokai that they may maintain a self-sustainable society. A society that has the strength to strive and succeed, so they would pass their experience on to future generations. "We will open the door of SUPPORT to lift them up and watch them fly. "We will open the door of ENCOURAGEMENT that they may strive to reach their goals and dreams and beyond. "We will open the door of CONFIDENCE that they may have the strength to prepare themselves for the many challenges they will face. "We will open the door of INDEPENDENCE that they may take the life skills they have learned, apply it to their lives, become lifelong learners and SUCCEED.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Program Overview</p> <p>The island of Molokai has the highest percentage of native Hawaiian residents and the lowest per capita income of all islands in the state of Hawaii. The island's unemployment and poverty rates have been at least double the State's average. Educational opportunities are limited with only one high school and a limited two-year community college program. Test scores in the schools are consistently among the lowest in the State. There are few organized activities outside of school. The County of Maui is the grantee for the Youth Opportunity Grant. The sub-contractor is Molokai Community Service Council, a 25-year old non-profit Molokai agency. MCSC currently operates the Molokai Youth Center. MCSC is also the lead administrator for Molokai's Enterprise Community.</p>
<p>HIGHLIGHTS AND INNOVATIVE PRACTICES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sixty-six in-school youth achieved Honor Roll status at Molokai High and Intermediate School for the 2nd quarter. • Over 600 youth, family and friends attended "Treat Street", an alcohol and drug free community Halloween event planned and implemented by Ho`ikaika/YO, MCSC, Molokai Youth Center staff and youth • Sixty-six in-school youth achieved Honor Roll status at Molokai High and Intermediate School for the 2nd quarter • Two Ho`ikaika youth, both 2001 graduates, entered the two-year Seamanship Program (Merchant Marines) located in Astoria, Oregon. • Ho`ikaika's new Teen Drop In Center "Club Zero" opened March 15th in Kaunakakai. <p>KEY PARTNERS/COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Nature Conservancy (TNC): provides forestry Youth Corps training sites where youth engage in the removal and control of invasive species, the propagation of native vegetation, and learn about Molokai's natural history. • Ke Kua`aina Hanauna Hou (KKHH) Youth Corps project that creates economic alternatives, while maintaining traditional and cultural practices that support subsistence through an aquaculture program • Maui Community College (MCC) only college on Molokai provides post-secondary and agricultural education. • Hui Laulima provides a Youth Corps farm site for youths interested in agriculture. • Queen Lili`uokalani Children's Center (QLCC): private children's trust set up by Queen Lili`uokalani for the purpose of serving orphans and destitute children in the Hawaiian Islands, with preference given to youth of Native Hawaiian ancestry. QLCC has offered guidance in case management and counseling services to Ho`ikaika. • Molokai branch of the Workforce Development Division of the State Department of Labor • Youth Councils: The State Youth Conference was held on March 14th in Honolulu. The Maui County Workforce Investment Board (WIB) approved the Maui County Youth Council's request for funds to continue publication of the Maui County Youth Connections Guide to Youth Activities and Programs, which will include an expanded section on Molokai youth programs. • Youth Advisory Board planned the Teen Drop In Center that opened March 15th in Kaunakakai. • Community Advisory Board. The board will assess community needs, give programming suggestions to Ho`ikaika/MCSC, and mentor the Local Youth Advisory Board. 	